

EXHIBIT A

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FOIA REQUEST

Fee benefit requested

Fee waiver requested

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of all FBI and related records, whether in paper or electronic form or format, relating to the March 9, 1965 attack on Rev. James Joseph Reeb and Orloff Miller of Boston, Massachusetts, and Clark Olsen of Berkeley, California that resulted in the death of Rev. Reeb. in Selma, Alabama, to include but not limited to:

- the complete FBI file under file number 44-1233 or MO 44-1233 – also related files under BS 44-432, BH 44-1232, SF 44-600, SL 44-584 etc
- any communications, orders, or directives from FBI headquarters to special agents or other FBI personnel about how to investigate the attack on James Reeb, or surveillance of activists around that time
- any 302 reports and all raw notes from which the 302 reports were derived, telex messages, or other memos to or from Special Agents or other FBI personnel about suspects in the investigation into the James Reeb attack or later court case, to the extent not included in the FBI file mentioned above
- internal correspondence among Special Agents and others involved in investigating the attack on James Reeb, including matters about the attack, the investigation at local, state, and federal levels, the trial, and any subsequent or contemporaneous matters regarding federal charges under civil rights and other statutes against any of those alleged to have been involved in the attack on James Reeb

- reports, memos, or files about Elmer L Cook, William Stanley Hoggle, Namon O'Neal Hoggle, R.B. Kelley, William Frederick Portwood (all deceased) in relation to the James Reeb attack and any other matters of interest to the FBI
- any notes or observations about the attack, the investigation, and the state trial, or the possibility of federal civil rights violation investigation or charges
- any records of any telex messages or phone calls about the investigation or the case concerning the attack on James Reeb and the contents of those calls, including calls to field offices, congressional contacts, the White House, or others
- any heretofore unreleased documents or redacted information about the case concerning the attack on James Reeb that may have been withheld under an exemption to the Freedom of Information Act while the defendants and those charged were still alive (all are deceased now - see attached death certificates)
- any documents relating to the re-opening and/or closing of the investigation 2008-2011 including those attached to FBI 44A-MO-45942 and all communications, requests from FBI HQ Civil Rights Unit and DOJ Civil Rights Division regarding captioned case, FBI Mobile and Selma RA, and File No. 144-3-1429
- any records generated by or about FBI informer (deceased) Gary Thomas Rowe relating to the James Reeb attack, or any of the men charged in his murder (Elmer L Cook, William Stanley Hoggle, Namon O'Neal Hoggle, R.B. Kelley)
- any general agency reports, memos, or files about civil rights or the Ku Klux Klan in Selma, Alabama during the years 1960-1966
- any records of any FBI investigations relating to William Portwood of Selma, Alabama.

I would like receive these records by email.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on the murder of Rev. James Reeb and the effort to identify and prosecute people who may have been involved in the attack that caused his death that is of current interest to the public because his is a significant Civil Rights era cold case - nobody has ever been held to account for the murder. This information is being sought on behalf of National Public Radio, Inc. for dissemination to the general public.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Freedom of Information Act. I will also expect you to release all

segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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